

# **Admission Criteria**

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The following is the Admission Criteria for admittance into Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (MVJRC).

- 1. Juveniles accepted into MVJRC must be felony level adjudicated, between ages of 12 and 18, and have exhausted all service options available within their county of residence, excluding ODYS commitment.
- 2. Juveniles must have a recently tested I.Q. of at least 75, or evidence of adequate cognitive ability and literacy skills.
- 3. Juveniles may not be admitted if adjudicated of a Category One or Two Felony ORC.2151.26 (A) (1) or (2); 2903.01 Aggravated Murder: 2903.02 Murder: 2903.03 Voluntary Manslaughter: 2903.04 Involuntary Manslaughter: 2905.01 Kidnapping: 2907.02 Rape: 2907.12 Felonious Sexual Penetration: and 2909.02 Aggravated Arson.
- 4. Juveniles may not be admitted with a diagnosis of psychosis or a thought disorder. Juveniles who have been given a diagnosis of the following disorders by a psychiatrist or psychologist would not be appropriate for incarceration if symptoms were present: Schizophrenic Disorder, Paranoid Disorder, Schizophreniform Disorder, Brief Reactive Psychosis, Schizo Affective Disorder, and Atypical Psychosis.
- 5. Juveniles may not be accepted whose parents or guardians refuse to or cannot be effectively court-ordered to participate in their child's treatment, unless the juvenile's county of residence has plans to place the juvenile in an out-of-home placement following discharge from the center.
- 6. Juveniles exhibiting acute withdrawal symptoms from drugs or alcohol may not be accepted prior to detoxification.
- 7. Juveniles who are diagnosed with communicable or contagious diseases that pose serious threats to the health and well-being of others may not be admitted.
- 8. Juveniles who are residents of another state or country may not be admitted without documentation in the juvenile's case record that the party making the placement has the legal authority to make the placement. All such placements shall be made in conformity with the terms of the interstate compact on juveniles of the interstate compact on the placement of children: Section 2151.56 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 9. MVJRC does not accept juveniles for emergency shelter.
- 10. Juveniles who are pregnant may not be admitted during late stage of pregnancy when due date is to occur during placement.

- 11. Juveniles selected for program placement have gone through the admission process and have been deemed appropriate by the Treatment Team. A recent psychological evaluation is required for juveniles with a history of mental illness and/or violence or potential for violence to others. A psychological evaluation conducted within the previous six months is preferred. Treatment Team considerations in determining the appropriateness of placement at MVJRC include, but are not limited to the following:
  - History of mental illness: Juveniles exhibiting prominent symptoms would be inappropriate for incarceration including but not limited to prominent delusions that significantly interfere with daily functioning; auditory hallucinations specifically command hallucinations to commit harm; incoherent, marked loss of associations; markedly illogical thinking; catatonic or other grossly disorganized behavior in which the juvenile is unable to process and/or respond appropriately to input from care-givers. Recency of the history, frequency and/or intensity of mental illness as well as the level of control provided by medication therapy are given special consideration by the Treatment Team.
  - History of violence: Juveniles with a history of non-compliant/violent behavior in other
    institutional and/or residential settings would be inappropriate for placement at MVJRC
    including but not limited to: leadership and/or participation in group disturbances;
    highly unstable mood contributing to physical acting out including but not limited to
    assaultive behavior and/or property damage; significant history of life-threatening self-harm and/or self-mutilation. Recency of the history, frequency and/or intensity of
    violence as well as the level of control provided by medication therapy are given special
    consideration by the Treatment Team.

#### Referral:

1. Referring counties shall internally screen prospective referrals to MVJRC based upon admission criteria. The referring counties shall assign a probation officer to be responsible for the juvenile's treatment and aftercare in the event of placement. Said probation officer shall contact the MVJRC Intake Officer to initiate referral for placement.

#### Screening:

- 1. MVJRC Intake Officer shall screen all referrals.
- 2. The Intake Officer shall schedule a meeting with the designated probation officer, the juvenile and the parent(s)/guardian(s). If the child is in the custody of Children Services, the CSB Caseworker should attend. Additional persons, professional or personal, who are identified as part of the juvenile's support system may also be invited to participate in the process. The meeting shall take place at MVJRC, the site where the juvenile is being detained, or other identified location.
- 3. The meeting will include:
  - A. Review all required documents, complete and sign relevant forms.
  - B. Interview the parent(s)/guardian(s).
  - C. Interview the juvenile.
  - D. Consult with the probation officer.
  - E. Orient parent(s)/guardian(s) to facility and program.
  - F. Conduct assessment.

# **Commitment Authority/Admission Record:**

- MVJRC Intake Officer shall obtain and secure the necessary information to establish a record of each juvenile to be placed in the facility. The MVJRC Intake Officer shall ensure the following documents are completed and available including the legal entry of commitment as documented by court order, statue, or compact:
  - A. Digital photo (taken at time of intake)
  - B. Judgment Entry
  - C. MVJRC Report of Assessment
  - D. Ohio Department of Youth Services Disposition Investigation Report and/or:
  - E. OYAS (Ohio Youth Assessment System)
  - F. Copy of Social Security Card
  - G. Copy of Insurance/Medical Card
  - H. Copy of Birth Certificate
  - I. Copy of Medical Treatment/Medication Release Form
  - J. Immunization Records (if available)
  - K. Medical Waiver and Release of Information Form
  - L. Medical Services Physical Examination Form
  - M. Parent Contract of Participation
  - N. Competition Sports/Adventure Activity Program Participation Agreement
  - O. Court Records (including by not limited to):
  - P. Orders of Guardianship/Custody (if applicable)
  - Q. No Contact Orders (If applicable)
  - R. CSB Report
  - S. Policy Reports/Victim Impact Statements
  - T. Education Records (transcripts, IEP, MFE, OGT, and Parent Release of Information)
- 2. MVJRC completes a preliminary health screening record by a staff person trained in health screening techniques for all new admissions.

# Information to Administrator:

- 1. MVJRC Intake Officer shall prepare a Report of Assessment for presentation to the MVJRC Treatment Team.
- 2. MVJRC Treatment Team shall screen all eligible youth referred to the center and determine who is appropriate for treatment. The Treatment Team shall consist of the following: Director, Program Manager, Operations Manager, Program Supervisor, Intake Officer, Mental Health Therapists, Teacher, Nurse, and Administrative Assistant. This committee shall meet weekly at a pre-determined time to:
  - A. Screen all eligible juveniles who have been referred for admission in lieu of commitment to ODYS.
  - B. Screen all eligible juveniles referred by ODYS.

### **Notification of Acceptance/Rejection:**

1. The Intake Officer shall notify the referring court by phone of the acceptance or non-acceptance of the juvenile for placement at MVJRC following the Treatment Team Meeting. If the juvenile is accepted, the Intake Officer shall fax a letter of acceptance following the screening. The letter may include the date and time of placement at MVJRC. If the juvenile is not accepted, the Intake Officer shall fax a letter to the referring court explaining the reasons the juvenile was denied.